Pink Florescent Signing Incident Managment

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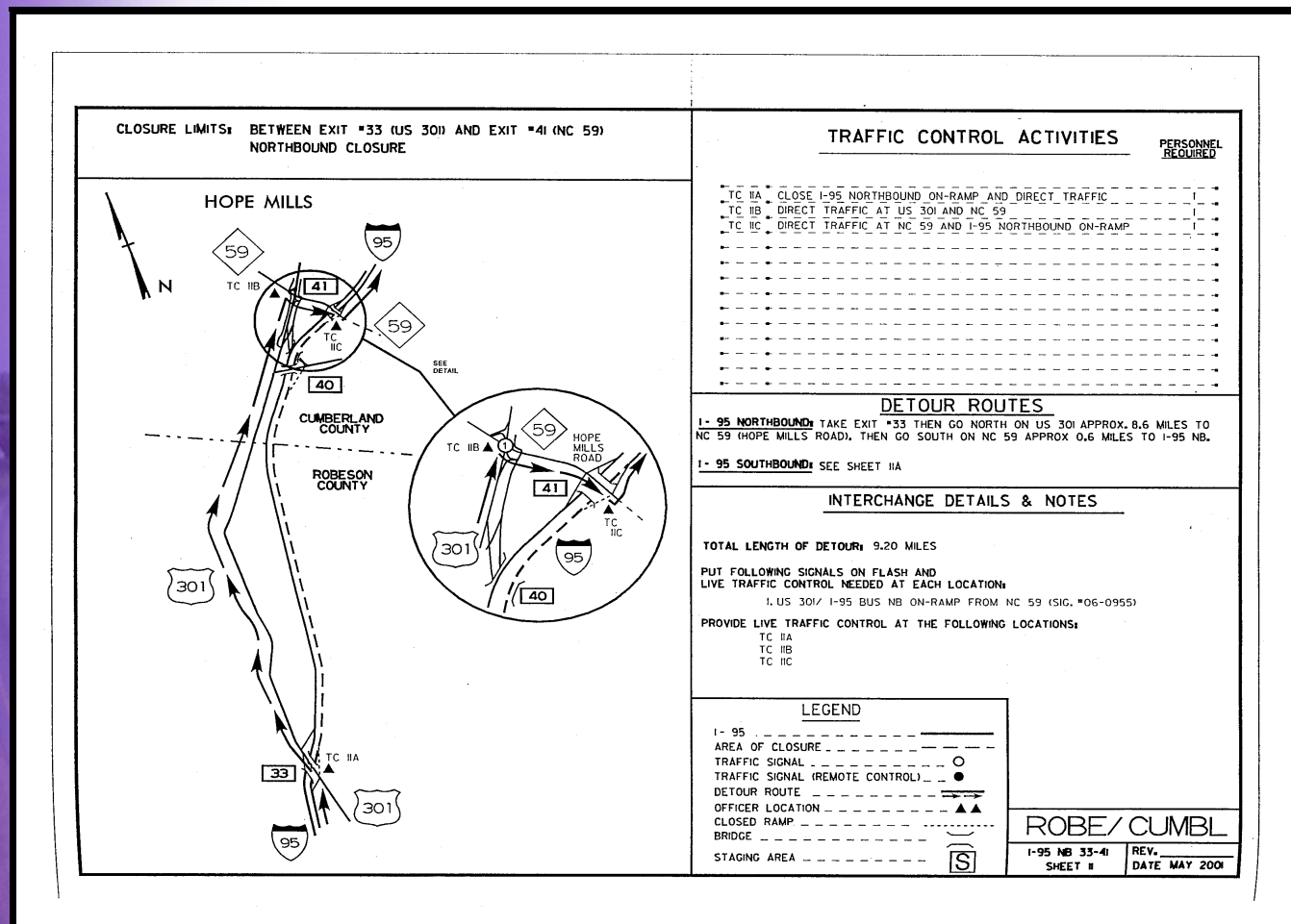
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Detour Routes

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- Pre-planned to minimize confusion, communication and to avoid pitfalls.

- What to look for: Capacity / Mobility Issues

  - Low Height Bridges   - Signal Issues

  - Low Tonnage Bridges   - Railroad Issues

  - Congestion Generators   - Utility Issues

  (schools, businesses, etc) - Response Issues

  - Sharp Turns   - Narrow Roads

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Detour Routes

- Check TIMS / 511 for issues affecting detour routes
  - Maintenance Projects
  - Construction Projects
  - Special Events
  - Other Incidents
- Change / Update Accordingly
- Discuss at Incident Management Meetings

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Detour Routes

- Updates and GIS can be done under R-4049
- DDC can usually help
- What about signing on the routes?
  - Secondary Routes
  - Long runs with no trailblazing
  - Routes with issues (forks, turns…)

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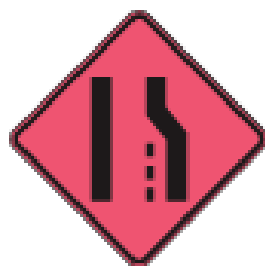SMARTlink

Detour Route Signing

- For intermediate (30min to 2hr) incidents, temporary traffic control (TTC) is usually required.
- Scene initially protected by first responders.
- Back ups occur and detour routes are difficult to sign (or even get to).
- What to do?

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Detour Route Signing

Figure 6I-1. Examples of Traffic Incident Management Area Signs

BE PREPARED TO STOP — W3-4

W4-2

CENTER LANE CLOSED AHEAD — W9-3

EXIT CLOSED — E5-2a

END DETOUR — M4-8a

DETOUR — M4-9

DETOUR — M4-10

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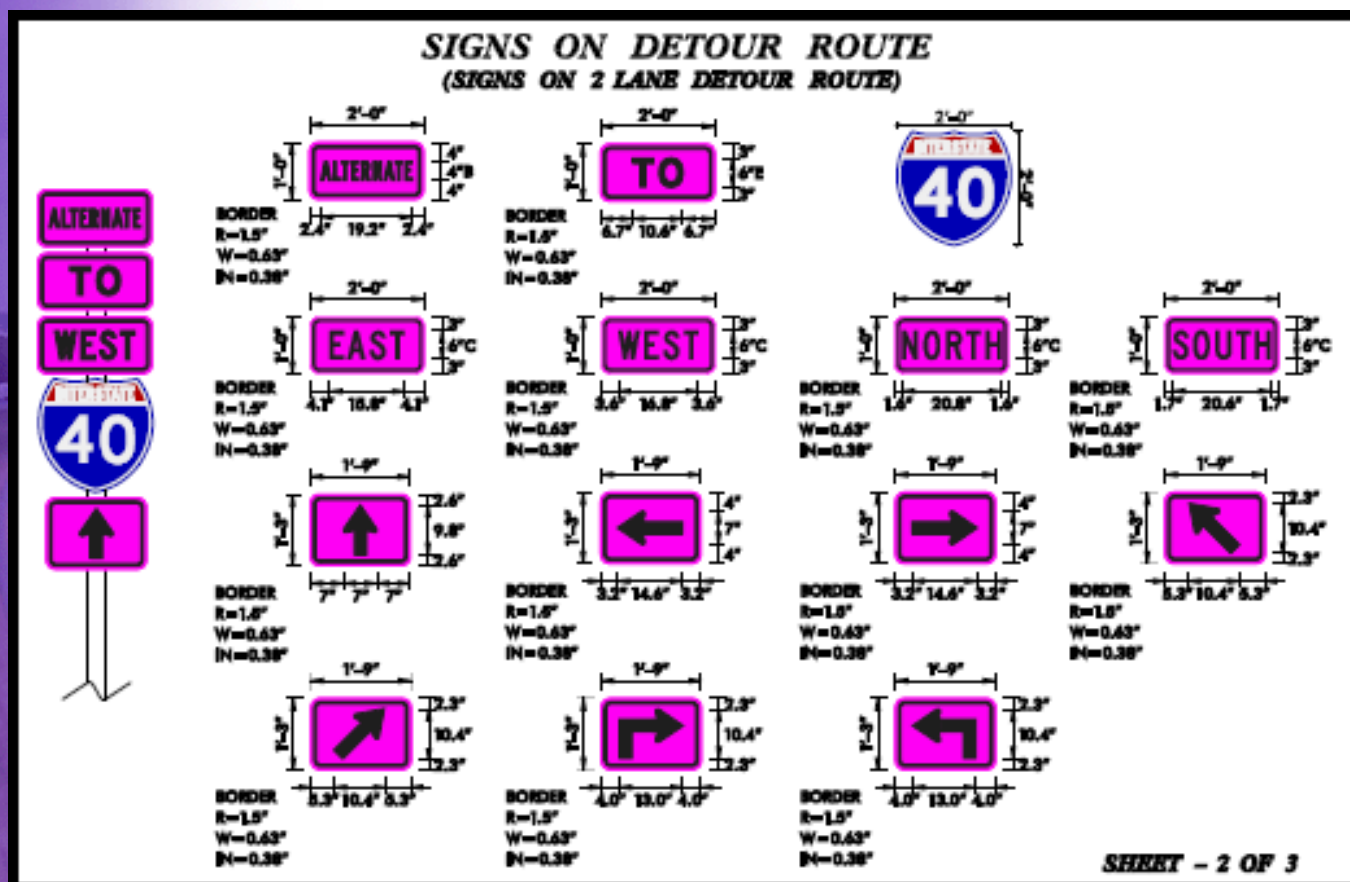
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Detour Route Signing

- Problems:
  - FHWA only meant fluorescent pink for temporary signing. Installing permanently on preplanned routes is a "grey area" interpretation
  - Cost incurred to the divisions (through R-4049)
  - May cause some driver confusion
  - Maintenance Costs
  - Pink ain't cool

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Detour Route Signing

- Problems:
  - What's next?
  - Where does it end?

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Detour Route Signing

- Benefits:
  - Motorists know immediately where to go.
  - Minimizes Emergency Traffic Control Set-up
    - Follow pink signs on TIMS/511/DMS only
  - Keeps traffic away from pitfalls and in proper and mutually agreed upon direction.
  - Distinguishes between other signs and focuses attention to the detour route.

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Detour Route Signing

- Next Steps
  - Set up test areas (Div 4, 9, 13, others?)
  - Get feedback during incidents and in non-incident situations (at IM Meetings, from media, etc)
  - Develop Standards under IM Manual and NC Supplement to MUTCD.

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